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S 1.4 (b),(d).

11. (S) Embassy delivered points contained in reftel to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Northeast Asia Director Naoki Ito on March 23 and Ministry of Finance International Bureau Legal Office Deputy Division Chief Shunichi Fukushima on March 24, 2006. Both officials expressed appreciation to the United States Government for sharing this information with the Government of Japan and promised to consider ways Japan might take similar action.

12. (S) MOFA NE Asia Director Ito said he would also share the nonpaper with appropriate officials at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation (MLIT) because of that ministry's authority over shipping and registry issues. MOF Legal Office Deputy Chief Fukushima said that although the Ministry of Finance generally does not have authority to act on "shipping matters," MOF's Foreign Exchange Office could potentially get involved in cases where contracts between Japanese citizens and DPRK registered ships involve foreign exchange.

13. (S) Embassy plans to follow-up with appropriate Japanese officials in MOFA, MOF and MLIT to elicit further responses and encourage Japan to take similar legislative or regulatory actions.
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